

WMD Technical Emergency Response Training Course (TERT)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The WMD Technical Emergency Response Training Course (COBRA), is a 4-day training program designed to provide emergency responders operational level instruction on responding to and operating in a WMD environment. The course covers chemical, ordnance/explosive, biological, and radiological/nuclear (COBRA) threats; the current domestic and international terrorist threat; managing a WMD scene; determining the breadth of a WMD incident area; and dealing with the media at a WMD incident. In addition it provides 20 hours of hands-on familiarization training with specialized protective clothing and equipment, chemical detection and identification equipment, decontamination, triage and ordnance/explosive recognition and response. The course concludes with a multi-task, hands-on performance oriented training in the WMD [Toxic Agent] (COBRA) Training Facility.

Prerequisites: This course is designed for emergency responders who have completed WMD awareness level training. The target audience for this training is emergency responders in Fire Service, Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Service, Emergency Management and Emergency Communications.

***This course is not for HAZMAT technicians.**

WMD Hazardous Material Technician Training Course (HT)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The WMD Hazardous Material Technician Training Course (COBRA), is a 3-day in-depth training course in the composition, action, identification, and decontamination of WMD agents that have the potential for use in a terrorist incident. This course also includes training in the preservation of evidence at a crime scene, an overview of the international and domestic terrorist threat, and a series of practical exercises involving WMD detection, identification and protective equipment and techniques for operating at a WMD terrorist incident. This training course culminates with a multi-task, hands-on training exercise in the WMD [Toxic Agent] (COBRA) Training Facility.

Prerequisites: Hazardous Material Technicians attending this training must be certified as having successfully met the competencies outlined in OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120 and NFPA 472 for HAZMAT Technicians.

WMD Incident Command Training Course (IC)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The WMD Incident Command Training Course is 3-days of in-depth training that take the attendee through the entire spectrum of command of a WMD terrorist event. The course provides instruction on WMD, the incident command system coupled with the Federal response, and examines the complexities of operational considerations and actions of command at a WMD event. The course takes the attendee through pre and post considerations by incorporating a segment on planning for the response using techniques that allow the commander to determine the correct composition of the planning team, evaluating the threat to the jurisdiction, identifying and prioritizing probable targets, measuring required capabilities, and developing a local incident response plan to a WMD terrorist incident. The course culminates with the attendee participating in an eight-hour real time tabletop exercise using the materials developed in the previous sessions to plan for and command the emergency response resources at the incident site.

Prerequisites: Emergency responders attending this training must be trained to the competencies outlined in OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120 and NFPA 472 for Incident Commanders, and they must have a thorough understanding of the Incident Command System. The target audience for this training includes those command level responders in the fire service, law enforcement, emergency medical service, emergency management and emergency communications, or other emergency response profession.

WMD Hands-On Training Course (HOT)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Hands-On Training Course consists of a 2-day advanced training program providing hands-on training with personal protective equipment (PPE), advanced sampling and monitoring equipment, evidence collection and preservation, mass casualty triage, and explosive/ordnance secondary devices and searches. The course concludes with a multi-task, hands-on performance oriented training in the WMD [Toxic Agent] (COBRA) Training Facility.

Prerequisites: The WMD HOT course is for responders who have successfully completed the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) WMD Incident Command Course (after April 1, 2002), a CDP site delivered training program, a CDP Indirect Response Training course, or other Department of Homeland Security (DHS) recognized training program as outlined in the Office of Domestic Preparedness Training Course Catalog. This course is also a sustainment program for graduates of CDP operations and command courses. Graduates are eligible one year from their initial training date. **The Hot course is not for HAZMAT Technicians. Prerequisite Certificate must be sent with application.**

WMD Law Enforcement Protective Measures (LEPM TtT)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This 16 hour training program is resident delivered and encompasses WMD related topics and scenario driven practical exercises for the in-service training of law enforcement officers. The first 8 hours of training presents information on terrorist tactics and targeting, related WMD hazards, indicators of terrorism, and protective measures taken by law enforcement officers responding to a terrorist WMD event. The second 8 hours of this training program is a **Train-the-Trainer (TtT)** session to assist attendees with the skills necessary to present the LEPM training in their home jurisdictions.

Prerequisites: This course is for certified/commissioned State and Local Law Enforcement officers and trainers with more than one year's experience. **This course is not an executive level course.**

Instructor Training Certification Course (ITC)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is an intensive 5-day training course that provides instruction on: adult learning theory and practice, job and training task analysis, training risk and hazard analysis, developing learning objectives and lesson plans, communication skills, instruction delivery and delivery media, developing tests and conducting evaluations, and performing after action reviews. The classroom sections of the training are supported by a series of practical exercises that require the student to perform and teach tasks associated with WMD techniques, procedures and equipment to support classroom lessons. The evaluation strategy for this training consists of one written test and two performance evaluations. To complete this training and receive a certification from the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) as a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) certified instructor, the student must achieve a minimum score of 70 per cent for each test/evaluation. Students that enroll in this course and fail to achieve the minimum standard for each test/evaluation will receive a certificate of attendance, but will not be certified as an instructor.

Prerequisites: Applicants must have successfully completed a WMD operational, technician or command/management level DHS, ODP recognized training program. **Prerequisite Certificate must be sent with application.**

WMD Emergency Medical Services Training (EMS)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The WMD EMS Course is a 3-day training program designed to educate paramedic and EMT responders on awareness and operational level skills needed to respond to a WMD mass casualty incident. The course instruction includes an overview of WMD materials including chemical, biological, and radiological agents, and explosive devices. Responders will explore levels of personal protective equipment and issues relating to their own safety and wellness during and after a WMD incident. Methods of victim rescue and treatment will be practiced including extrication, cutout, triage, decontamination, assessment, and transport. Responders will be encouraged to use routine job skills and experience how they differ in a WMD environment. Responders will be made aware of special crime-scene considerations and the details of working a multitude of agencies including the Public Health department. The training culminates with a multi-task hands-on scenario exercise.

Prerequisites: Responders must be a state-licensed paramedic, EMT, or emergency care provider (emergency room physician or nurse).

WMD Emergency Responder Hazardous Materials Technician Training (ER HazMat)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Emergency Responder Hazardous Materials Technician Training course is a 5-day training program designed to provide emergency responders with Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and hazardous materials technical training to satisfy requirements of OSHA 1910.120 (q)(6)(iii). The guidelines of this course target those emergency responders who may be responding to the scene of a hazardous material or potential terrorist/criminal use of WMD.

This course is a combination of classroom training and several hands-on exercises that culminate in a final day of practical and written evaluations. The training covers WMD specific material and the Eight Step Process for HazMat Incident Management which includes Site Management and Control, Identifying the problem, Hazard and Risk Evaluation, Selecting Personal Protective Clothing and Equipment, Information Management and Resource Coordination, Implementing Response Objectives, Decontamination, and Terminating the Incident.

Prerequisites: HazMat awareness and eight hours of operational level training as identified in OSHA 1910.120 (q)(6)(i) and OSHA 1910.120 (q)(6)(ii)

**** Course fulfills OSHA requirements for Bomb technicians wishing to attend the FBI Hazardous Devices School for delivery of the Hazardous Materials Basic Course [HMBC]**